

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LTC #:130-2006

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE:

May 8, 2006

SUBJECT: Hurricane Preparedness Fair

As you know, last year's hurricane season was extremely busy and many residents were unprepared for the storms. The Neighborhood Services Department, in conjunction with the Public Works, Building, Parking, Parks and Recreation, Fire and Police Departments, is organizing the 5th Annual Hurricane Information and Preparedness Fairs to assist our residents in preparing for this year's storm season. Valuable hurricane and disaster preparedness information will be distributed at the fairs.

For the past four years the event has been held in the 1000 Block of Lincoln Road. This year, in an effort to reach as many residents as possible, the Neighborhood Services Department has scheduled three Hurricane Preparedness Fairs in various neighborhoods throughout the City. The first of the three fairs was held on Sunday May 7, 2006 on Lincoln Road. The other two fairs are as follows:

- Saturday, May 13, 2006, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm North Beach Farmer's Market at the Normandy Fountain
- Saturday, May 20, 2006, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm RDA South Pointe Police Satellite Station

Additional private and public sector partners for the Hurricane Preparedness Fairs include FEMA, the American Red Cross, the U.S. Coast Guard, Miami-Dade Transit, ACE Hardware, Master Gardner Renee Savary, the Humane Society and various homeowners' associations.

In addition, the Fire Department will be offering free blood pressure screening and will have a fire truck at the Lincoln Road event, and a clown will entertain the children with free face painting. The City will give 2 ½ gallon collapsible water jugs to the first 100 residents that attend each fair.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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